



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2006-10-0287 and 2006-11-0331

July 13, 2007

STATE EMPLOYEE MISUSE OF STATE PROPERTY

Inspector General David O. Thomas and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, after an investigation by Special Agent Mike Mischler, report as follows:

This is a supplemental report on the above cases from December 20, 2006 and April 26, 2007. This report addresses action taken by the State Ethics Commission (SEC) on these same matters. Both cases involve the criminal offense of identity theft committed by the same defendant. These cases were earlier presented to the county Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the defendant subsequently pleaded guilty to the charge of identity theft, a D felony.

On May 10, 2007, the OIG submitted an additional complaint to the SEC which found that probable cause existed to support a finding that respondent violated the use of the state property rule under 42 IAC 1-5-12, because respondent used a state-owned computer to commit the above criminal offenses. The respondent admitted to the OIG complaint and the SEC then sanctioned the respondent by imposing a life-time ban of further employment with the state.

On July 12, 2007, the SEC issued a final report on the matter, accepting the settlement agreement between the OIG and respondent. The life-time ban of

this respondent from state employment is now in effect in addition to the criminal sentence previously imposed.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2007.

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David O. Thomas, Inspector General